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PRESSURIZED WATER REACTOR GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION
MARCH 2014—FORM A

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Answer all the test items using the answer sheet provided, ensuring a single answer is marked for each test item. Each test item has equal point value. A score of at least 80 percent is required to pass this portion of the NRC operator licensing written examination. All examination materials will be collected 3 hours after the examination begins. This examination applies to a typical U.S. pressurized water reactor (PWR) nuclear power plant.

SECTION	QUESTIONS	% OF TOTAL	SCORE
COMPONENTS	1 - 22		
REACTOR THEORY	23 - 36		
THERMODYNAMICS	37 - 50		
TOTALS	50		

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RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE
NRC GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION

During the administration of this examination the following rules apply:

NOTE: The term "control rod" refers to the length of neutron absorber material that can be positioned by the operator to change core reactivity.

NOTE: Numerical answers are rounded to the nearest whole number unless otherwise indicated.

1. Print your name in the blank provided on the cover sheet of the examination.

2. Fill in your individual docket number.

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5. Two aids are provided for your use during the examination:

   (1) An Equations and Conversions Sheet contained within the examination copy, and

   (2) Steam tables and Mollier Diagram provided by your proctor.

6. Place your answers on the answer sheet provided. Credit will only be given for answers properly marked on this sheet. Follow the instructions for filling out the answer sheet.

7. Scrap paper will be provided for calculations.

8. Cheating on the examination will result in the automatic forfeiture of this examination. Cheating could also result in severe penalties.

9. Restroom trips are limited. Only **one** examinee may leave the room at a time. In order to avoid the appearance or possibility of cheating, avoid all contact with anyone outside the examination room.

10. After you have completed the examination, sign the statement on the cover sheet indicating that the work is your own and you have neither given nor received any assistance in completing the examination. Either pencil or pen may be used.

11. Turn in your examination materials, answer sheet on top, followed by the examination copy and the examination aids, e.g., steam tables, handouts, and scrap paper.

12. After turning in your examination materials, leave the examination area as defined by the proctor. If after leaving you are found in the examination area while the examination is in progress, your examination may be forfeited.

GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION
EQUATIONS AND CONVERSIONS SHEET

EQUATIONS

$\dot{Q} = \dot{m}c_p\Delta T$

$\dot{Q} = \dot{m}\Delta h$

$\dot{Q} = UA\Delta T$

$\dot{Q} \propto \dot{m}^3_{\text{Nat Circ}}$

$\Delta T \propto \dot{m}^2_{\text{Nat Circ}}$

$K_{eff} = 1/(1 - \rho)$

$\rho = (K_{eff} - 1)/K_{eff}$

$SUR = 26.06/\tau$

$$\tau = \frac{\bar{\beta}_{eff} - \rho}{\lambda_{eff}\,\rho}$$

$$\rho = \frac{\ell^*}{\tau} + \frac{\bar{\beta}_{eff}}{1 + \lambda_{eff}\,\tau}$$

$\ell^* = 1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ sec

$\lambda_{eff} = 0.1\ \text{sec}^{-1}$ (for small positive ρ)

$DRW \propto \varphi^2_{tip} / \varphi^2_{avg}$

$P = P_o e^{t/\tau}$

$P = P_o 10^{SUR(t)}$

$A = A_o e^{-\lambda t}$

$N = S/(1 - K_{eff})$

$CR_1(1 - K_{eff_1}) = CR_2(1 - K_{eff_2})$

$1/M = CR_1/CR_x$

$A = \pi r^2$

$F = PA$

$\dot{m} = \rho A\vec{v}$

$\dot{W}_{Pump} = \dot{m}\Delta P\upsilon$

$P = IE$

$P_A = \sqrt{3}IE$

$P_T = \sqrt{3}IEpf$

$P_R = \sqrt{3}IE\sin\theta$

Thermal Efficiency = Net Work Out/Energy In

$$\frac{g(z_2 - z_1)}{g_c} + \frac{(\vec{v}_2^2 - \vec{v}_1^2)}{2g_c} + \upsilon(P_2 - P_1) + (u_2 - u_1) + (q - w) = 0$$

$g = 32.2\ \text{ft/sec}^2$

$g_c = 32.2$ lbm-ft/lbf-sec^2

CONVERSIONS

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1 MW $= 3.41 \times 10^6$ Btu/hr

1 hp $= 2.54 \times 10^3$ Btu/hr

1 Btu $= 778$ ft-lbf

°C $= (5/9)(°F - 32)$

°F $= (9/5)(°C) + 32$

1 kg $= 2.21$ lbm

1 ft^3_{water} $= 7.48$ gal

1 gal_{water} $= 8.35$ lbm

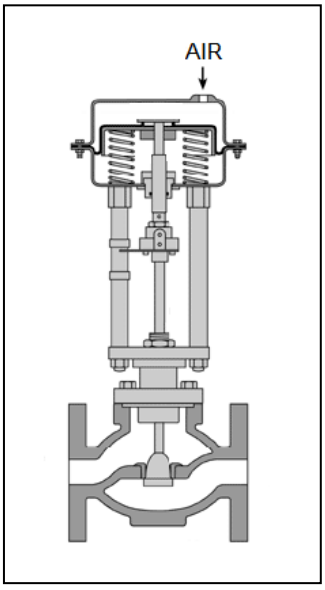
1 Curie $= 3.7 \times 10^{10}$ dps

QUESTION: 1

Refer to the drawing of a pneumatically-operated valve (see figure below). The valve actuator may be shown with or without applied air pressure.

Which one of the following describes the type of valve shown, and the fail position on loss of air to the actuator?

	Valve Type	Fail Position
A.	Ball	Open
B.	Ball	Closed
C.	Globe	Open
D.	Globe	Closed



QUESTION: 2

A typical motor-operated valve has been returned to service following a complete maintenance overhaul of the valve and actuator. When the valve was remotely opened and closed to verify operability, the measured valve stroke time in each direction was 15 seconds, which is shorter than normal for this valve.

Which one of the following could have caused the shorter stroke time?

A. The valve position limit switches were removed and were not reinstalled.

B. The valve torque limit switches were misadjusted to open at twice their normal setpoints.

C. The valve was packed with improved packing material having a lower friction coefficient.

D. The valve stem packing gland was overtightened after the packing material was replaced.

QUESTION: 3

Refer to the drawing of a frictionless venturi flow element (see figure below). Subcooled water is flowing through the venturi with the following initial conditions:

Flow rate = 500 gpm
Tap A pressure = 40 psia
Tap B pressure = 36 psia

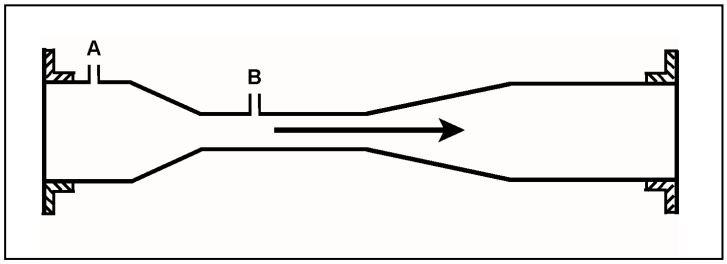
When flow rate is increased to 750 gpm, the pressure at tap A increases to 68 psia. What is the new pressure at tap B?

A. 66 psia

B. 62 psia

C. 59 psia

D. 52 psia



QUESTION: 4

Given the following conditions:

- The reactor is shut down.
- The reactor coolant system is at normal operating pressure and temperature.
- The BF_3 source range detectors are properly positioned outside the reactor vessel and adjacent to the lower portion of the core.
- All BF_3 source range detectors are indicating approximately 100 cps.
- A sudden loss of coolant accident occurs that causes bulk boiling and homogeneous core voiding in the reactor vessel.

Assuming that the source neutron flux level remains constant, how and why will source range detector outputs change as homogeneous core voiding increases from 0 percent to 50 percent?

A. Increase, because the detectors will experience a higher rate of neutron interactions due to the axial power distribution shifting toward the lower portion of the core.

B. Increase, because the detectors will experience a higher rate of neutron interactions due to increasing neutron leakage from the core.

C. Decrease, because the detectors will experience a lower rate of neutron interactions due to a decreasing subcritical multiplication neutron level.

D. Decrease, because the detectors will experience a lower rate of gamma interactions due to decreasing reactor coolant attenuation.

QUESTION: 5

Most of the electrons collected in a fission chamber are released as a result of ionizations caused directly by...

A. fission fragments.

B. fission gammas.

C. fission betas.

D. fissionable materials.

QUESTION: 6

A Geiger-Mueller detector with a "pancake" probe (often called a frisker) is being used to monitor workers leaving a radiologically controlled area for contamination. The probe is equipped with a mica window. The background detector count rate is 20 cpm.

As one individual's shoe is scanned, the detector reading increases to 200 cpm. When a sheet of paper is placed between the probe and the shoe, the detector reading decreases to 60 cpm. Which one of the following is indicated by the decrease in the detector reading?

A. The contamination contains beta particles.

B. The contamination contains alpha particles.

C. The contamination does <u>not</u> contain beta particles.

D. The contamination does <u>not</u> contain alpha particles.

QUESTION: 7

A reverse-acting proportional controller is being used to control the temperature of lube oil exiting a heat exchanger. The controller's proportional band is 70°F to 120°F.

Which one of the following will be the controller's output percentage when the measured lube oil temperature is 83°F?

A. 13 percent

B. 26 percent

C. 74 percent

D. 87 percent

QUESTION: 8

Refer to the drawing of a water storage tank with an automatic level control system (see figure below).

Given:

- The drain valve fails open on loss of controller output signal.
- The level sensor output signal changes directly with tank water level.

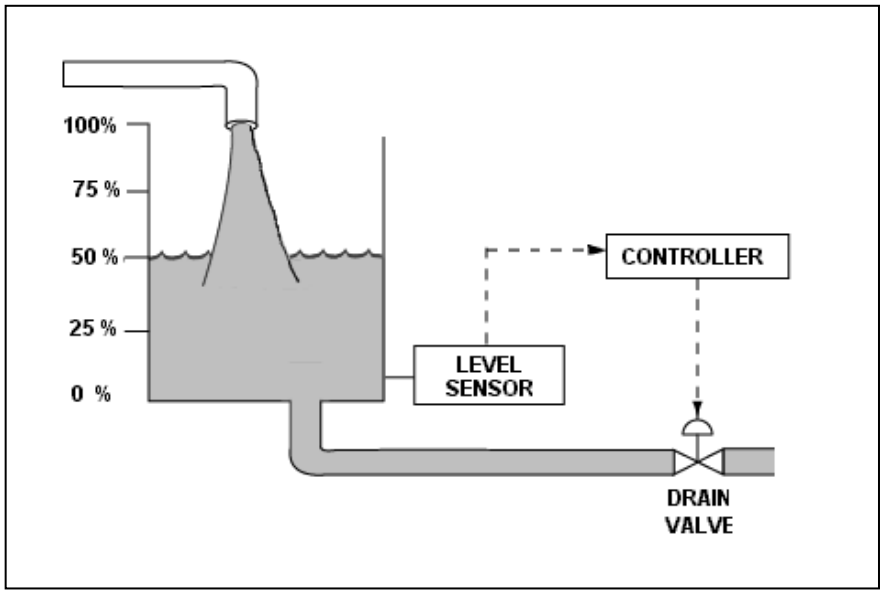
For proper automatic control of tank water level, the controller must be _____; and the control loop must be _____.

A. direct-acting; open

B. direct-acting; closed

C. reverse-acting; open

D. reverse-acting; closed



QUESTION: 9

Prior to shifting a valve controller from automatic to manual control, why should the automatic and manual controller output signals be matched?

A. To ensure the valve will operate in manual control upon demand.

B. To ensure valve position indication is accurate in manual control.

C. To move the valve to the new position prior to the transfer.

D. To prevent a sudden valve repositioning during the transfer.

QUESTION: 10

Refer to the drawing of a cooling water system (see figure below).

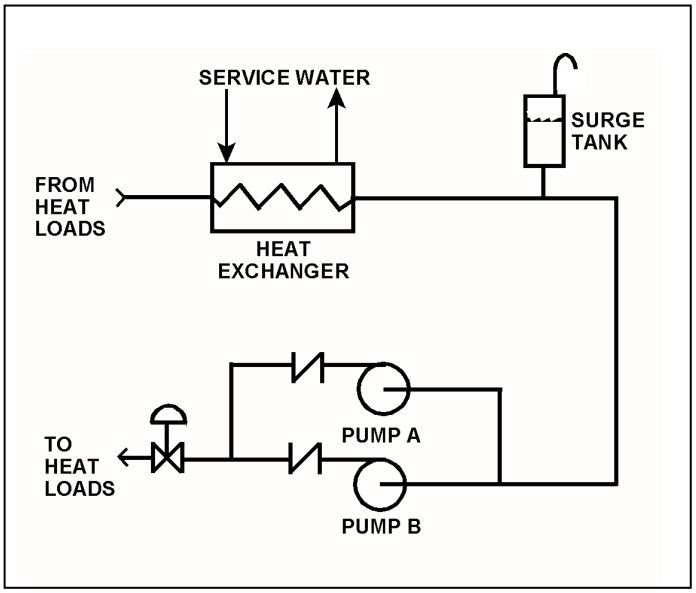
Pumps A and B are identical single-speed centrifugal pumps and both pumps are initially operating when pump B trips. After the system stabilizes, system flow rate will be...

A. more than one-half the original flow.

B. one-half the original flow.

C. less than one-half the original flow.

D. the same; only the pump head will change.



QUESTION: 11

Refer to the drawing of centrifugal pump and system operating curves (see figure below).

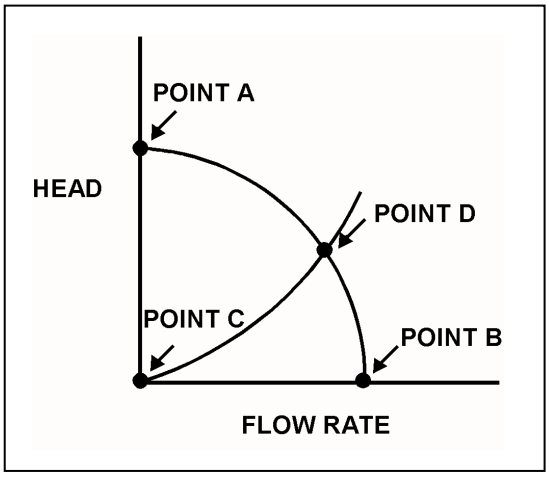
Which one of the following determines the general shape of the curve from point C to point D?

A. The frictional and throttling losses in the piping system as the system flow rate increases.

B. The frictional losses between the pump impeller and its casing as the differential pressure (D/P) across the pump increases.

C. The pump flow losses, due to the decrease in available net positive suction head as the system flow rate increases.

D. The pump flow losses, due to back leakage through the clearances between the pump impeller and casing as the D/P across the pump increases.



QUESTION: 12

Refer to the drawing of an operating cooling water system (see figure below).

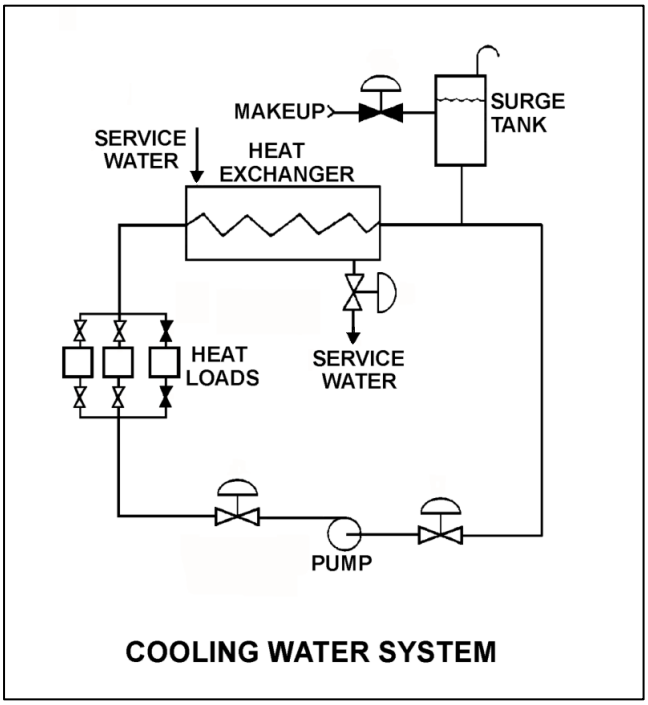
The pump is unable to achieve its rated volumetric flow rate due to cavitation. Which one of the following will enable the pump to achieve a higher volumetric flow rate before cavitation occurs?

A. Decrease the surge tank water level.

B. Increase the service water flow rate to the heat exchanger.

C. Move the surge tank connection closer to the discharge of the pump.

D. Remove the existing pump motor and install a motor with a higher horsepower rating.



COOLING WATER SYSTEM

QUESTION: 13

When starting a positive displacement pump, why must the pump discharge valve be fully open?

A. Prevents pump cavitation.

B. Reduces motor starting current.

C. Minimizes the potential for water hammer.

D. Ensures integrity of the pump and system piping.

QUESTION: 14

A radial flow centrifugal cooling water pump is being powered by a 480 VAC induction motor. If the motor input voltage slowly decreases from 480 VAC to 450 VAC, the pump flow rate will _____; and the motor current will _____. (Assume the motor does not stall.)

A. decrease; increase

B. decrease; decrease

C. remain the same; increase

D. remain the same; decrease

QUESTION: 15

Which one of the following is a characteristic of a typical AC induction motor that causes starting current to be greater than running current?

A. The rotor magnetic field induces an opposing voltage in the stator that is proportional to rotor speed.

B. After the motor starts, resistors are added to the electrical circuit to limit the running current.

C. A large amount of starting current is required to initially establish the rotating magnetic field.

D. The rotor does not develop maximum induced current flow until it has achieved synchronous speed.

QUESTION: 16

Which one of the following will reduce the heat transfer rate between two liquids in a heat exchanger? (Assume single-phase conditions and a constant specific heat for both liquids.)

A. The inlet temperatures of both liquids decrease by 20°F.

B. The inlet temperatures of both liquids increase by 20°F.

C. The inlet temperature of the hotter liquid increases by 20°F.

D. The inlet temperature of the colder liquid increases by 20°F.

QUESTION: 17

A main turbine-generator is operating at 80 percent load with the following initial steady-state temperatures for the main turbine lube oil heat exchanger:

$T_{oil\ in}$ = 174°F
$T_{oil\ out}$ = 114°F
$T_{water\ in}$ = 85°F
$T_{water\ out}$ = 115°F

After six months of main turbine-generator operation, the following final steady-state lube oil heat exchanger temperatures are observed:

$T_{oil\ in}$ = 179°F
$T_{oil\ out}$ = 119°F
$T_{water\ in}$ = 85°F
$T_{water\ out}$ = 115°F

Assume the final cooling water and lube oil flow rates are the same as the initial flow rates, and the specific heat values for the cooling water and lube oil do not change.

Which one of the following could be responsible for the differences between the initial and final heat exchanger steady-state temperatures?

A. The heat exchanger tubes have become fouled with scale.

B. The temperature of the cooling water source has increased.

C. The final main turbine-generator load is higher than the initial load.

D. The final main turbine-generator load is lower than the initial load.

QUESTION: 18

The decontamination factor for ionic impurities of a demineralizer can be expressed as...

A. Inlet Conductivity minus Outlet Conductivity.

B. Outlet Conductivity minus Inlet Conductivity.

C. Inlet Conductivity divided by Outlet Conductivity.

D. Outlet Conductivity divided by Inlet Conductivity.

QUESTION: 19

A mixed-bed ion exchanger is being used to process reactor coolant letdown. The ion exchanger is boron-saturated for the existing reactor coolant conditions. Which one of the following describes a system change and resulting effect that will cause the boron concentration in the ion exchanger outlet water to be greater than the boron concentration in the inlet water?

A. An increase in the flow rate through the ion exchanger will lower the retention capacity of the resin, which releases borate ions from the resin exchange sites.

B. An increase in reactor coolant suspended solids with greater mass than the borate ions will mechanically remove borate ions from the resin exchange sites.

C. A decrease in the temperature of the inlet water will lower the relative affinity of the resin for the borate ions, which releases borate ions from the resin exchange sites.

D. A decrease in reactor coolant boron concentration will cause captured borate ions to be released to re-establish chemical equilibrium at the resin exchange sites.

QUESTION: 20

Refer to the drawing of a valve motor control circuit (see figure below) for a valve that is currently fully closed and has a 10-second stroke time.

Note: Limit switch (LS) contacts are shown open regardless of valve position, but relay contacts are shown open/closed according to the standard convention for control circuit drawings.

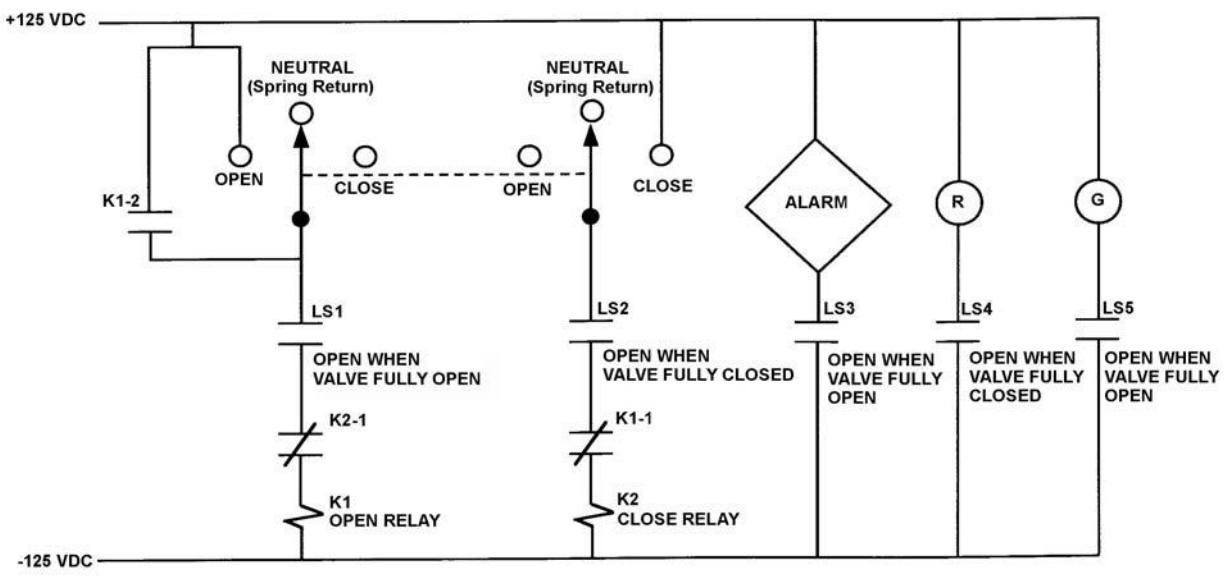
The operator takes the control switch to OPEN momentarily and the valve begins to open. Five seconds later, the operator takes the switch to CLOSE momentarily and then releases the switch. Which one of the following describes the valve response after the switch is released?

A. The valve will stop opening and remain partially open.

B. The valve will stop opening and then go fully closed.

C. The valve will open fully and remain fully open.

D. The valve will open fully and then go fully closed.



VALVE MOTOR CONTROL CIRCUIT

QUESTION: 21

The main generator output breaker was just closed to connect the main generator to the main transformer. Just before the breaker was closed, the following parameter values existed:

Main Generator	Main Transformer
20,000 volts	20,050 volts
60.0 Hz	59.9 Hz

With no additional operator action, the main generator stabilized with the following parameter values:

25 MW
15 MVAR (in)

Now consider this following alternate set of parameters values:

Main Generator	Main Transformer
20,020 volts	20,050 volts
60.1 Hz	59.9 Hz

If the alternate set of parameter values had existed just before the breaker was closed, the resulting main generator MW value would have been _____; and the resulting main generator MVAR (in) value would have been _____.

A. smaller; larger

B. smaller; smaller

C. larger; larger

D. larger; smaller

QUESTION: 22

The following indications are observed in the control room for a normally-open motor control center (MCC) breaker that directly starts/stops a 480 VAC motor:

Red position indicating light is out.
Green position indicating light is out.
Motor ammeter indicates normal load current.

Assuming one of the indicating lights is burned out, what is the condition of the breaker?

A. Open and racked in

B. Open and racked to the TEST position

C. Closed and racked in

D. Closed and racked to the TEST position

QUESTION: 23

Delayed neutrons are neutrons that...

A. have reached thermal equilibrium with the surrounding medium.

B. are expelled within 1.0×10^{-14} seconds of the fission event.

C. are produced from the radioactive decay of certain fission fragments.

D. are responsible for the majority of U-235 fissions.

QUESTION: 24

A reactor is operating at full power at the beginning of a fuel cycle. A neutron has just been absorbed by a U-238 nucleus at a resonance energy of 6.7 electron volts.

Which one of the following describes the most likely reaction for the newly formed U-239 nucleus and the effect of this reaction on K_{excess}?

A. Decays over several days to Pu-239, which increases K_{excess}.

B. Decays over several days to Pu-240, which increases K_{excess}.

C. Immediately undergoes fast fission, which decreases K_{excess}.

D. Immediately undergoes thermal fission, which decreases K_{excess}.

QUESTION: 25

A reactor is critical at 1.0×10^{-8} percent power during a reactor startup. $\bar{\beta}_{eff}$ for this reactor is 0.0072. Which one of the following is the approximate amount of positive reactivity that must be added to the core by control rod withdrawal to attain a stable startup rate of 1.0 dpm?

A. 0.2% ΔK/K

B. 0.5% ΔK/K

C. 1.0% ΔK/K

D. 2.0% ΔK/K

QUESTION: 26

Which one of the following describes a situation where an increase in moderator temperature can add positive reactivity?

A. At low moderator temperatures, an increase in moderator temperature can reduce neutron leakage from the core sufficiently to add positive reactivity.

B. At low moderator temperatures, an increase in moderator temperature can reduce neutron capture by the moderator sufficiently to add positive reactivity.

C. At high moderator temperatures, an increase in moderator temperature can reduce neutron leakage from the core sufficiently to add positive reactivity.

D. At high moderator temperatures, an increase in moderator temperature can reduce neutron capture by the moderator sufficiently to add positive reactivity.

QUESTION: 27

As reactor coolant boron concentration decreases, the differential boron worth (ΔK/K/ppm) becomes...

A. less negative, due to a larger number of water molecules in the core.

B. less negative, due to a smaller number of boron molecules in the core.

C. more negative, due to a larger number of water molecules in the core.

D. more negative, due to a smaller number of boron molecules in the core.

QUESTION: 28

Which one of the following expresses the relationship between differential rod worth (DRW) and integral rod worth (IRW)?

A. DRW is the area under the IRW curve at a given rod position.

B. DRW is the slope of the IRW curve at a given rod position.

C. DRW is the IRW at a given rod position.

D. DRW is the square root of the IRW at a given rod position.

QUESTION: 29

A reactor has been restarted following a refueling outage and is currently at the point of adding heat. Which one of the following describes the change in core axial power distribution as reactor power is increased to five percent by control rod withdrawal?

A. Shifts toward the bottom of the core.

B. Shifts toward the top of the core.

C. Shifts away from the center toward the top and bottom of the core.

D. Shifts away from the top and bottom toward the center of the core.

QUESTION: 30

Two identical reactors have been operating at a constant power level for one week. Reactor A is at 50 percent power and reactor B is at 100 percent power. If both reactors trip at the same time, xenon-135 negative reactivity will peak first in reactor _____; and the highest xenon-135 reactivity peak will occur in reactor _____.

A. B; B

B. B; A

C. A; B

D. A; A

QUESTION: 31

Fifteen hours after a reactor trip from two months operation at 100 percent power, a reactor has achieved criticality. After one additional hour, reactor power is stabilized at 1.0×10^{-4} percent and all control rod motion is stopped.

Which one of the following describes the response of reactor power over the next two hours without any further operator actions?

A. Power increases toward the point of adding heat, due to the decay of Xe-135.

B. Power increases toward the point of adding heat, due to the decay of Sm-149.

C. Power decreases toward a stable shutdown neutron level, due to the buildup of Xe-135.

D. Power decreases toward a stable shutdown neutron level, due to the buildup of Sm-149.

QUESTION: 32

Instead of using only a higher reactor coolant boron concentration to offset the enrichment of new fuel assemblies, burnable poisons are installed in a new reactor core to...

A. prevent boron precipitation during normal operation.

B. establish a more negative moderator temperature coefficient.

C. allow control rods to be farther withdrawn upon initial criticality.

D. maintain reactor coolant pH above a minimum acceptable value.

QUESTION: 33

During a reactor startup, positive reactivity addition X caused the stable source range count rate to increase from 20 cps to 40 cps. Later in the startup, after several other additions of positive reactivity, positive reactivity addition Y caused the stable source range count rate to increase from 320 cps to 640 cps.

Which one of the following statements describes how the magnitudes of the two positive reactivity additions (X and Y) compare?

A. Reactivity addition X was several times greater in magnitude than reactivity addition Y.

B. Reactivity addition X was several times smaller in magnitude than reactivity addition Y.

C. Reactivity additions X and Y were about equal in magnitude.

D. There is not enough information given to determine the relationship between the reactivity additions.

QUESTION: 34

One week after a refueling outage, a nuclear power plant is currently operating at 80 percent power with control rods fully withdrawn. During the outage, the entire core was replaced by new fuel assemblies and new burnable poison assemblies were installed at various locations.

Assume reactor power and control rod position do not change during the next week. If no operator action is taken, how and why will average reactor coolant temperature change during the next week?

A. Decrease slowly, due to fuel burnup only.

B. Decrease slowly, due to fuel burnup and fission product poison buildup.

C. Increase slowly, due to burnable poison burnout only.

D. Increase slowly, due to burnable poison burnout and fission product poison decay.

QUESTION: 35

A reactor is critical just below the point of adding heat when a single fully withdrawn control rod drops into the core. Assuming no operator or automatic actions occur, when the plant stabilizes, reactor power will be _____ and average reactor coolant temperature will be _____.

A. the same; the same

B. the same; lower

C. lower; the same

D. lower; lower

QUESTION: 36

A nuclear power plant has been operating at 100 percent power for six months when a reactor trip occurs. Which one of the following describes the source(s) of core heat generation 1 minute after the reactor trip?

A. Fission product decay is the only heat source capable of increasing fuel temperature.

B. Delayed neutron-induced fission is the only heat source capable of increasing fuel temperature.

C. Both fission product decay and delayed neutron-induced fission are capable of increasing fuel temperature.

D. Neither fission product decay nor delayed neutron-induced fission are capable of increasing fuel temperature.

QUESTION: 37

Refer to the drawing of two water storage tanks with four differential pressure (D/P) level detectors (see figure below).

The tanks are identical and are being maintained at 2 psig overpressure, the same constant water level, and a temperature of 60°F. The tanks are surrounded by atmospheric pressure. All level detectors have been calibrated and are producing the same level indication.

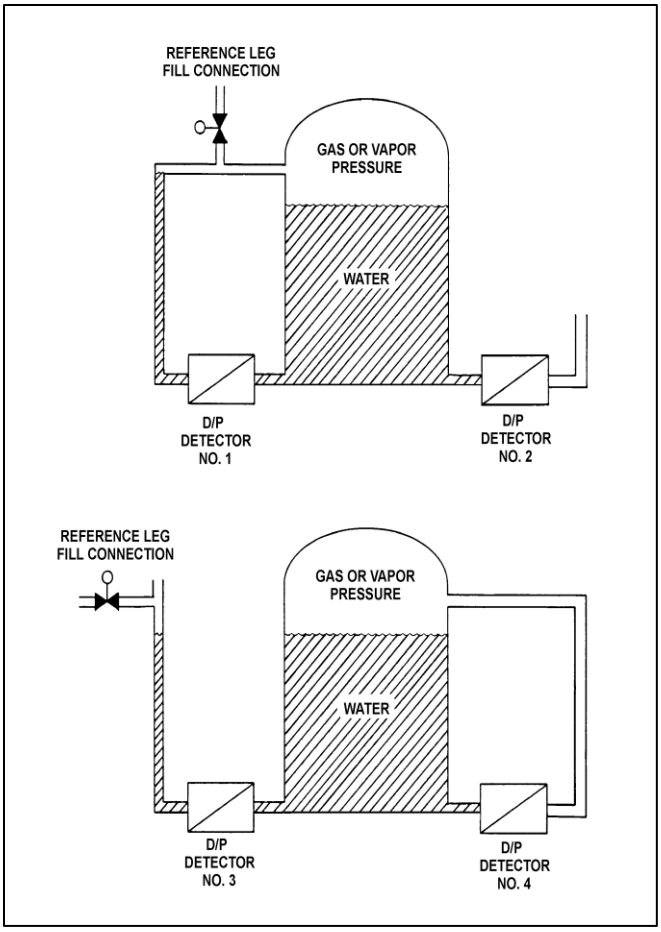
If a leak in the top of each tank causes a complete loss of overpressure in both tanks, which detector(s) will produce the highest level indication(s)?

A. No. 1 only

B. No. 2 only

C. No. 1 and 4

D. No. 2 and 3



QUESTION: 38

A reactor is shut down with reactor coolant system (RCS) pressure at 1,500 psia and core decay heat is being removed via the steam generators (SGs). What pressure must be maintained in the SGs to obtain a 110°F subcooling margin in the reactor coolant leaving the SGs? (Assume the reactor coolant leaves the SGs at the SG saturation temperature.)

A. 580 psia

B. 600 psia

C. 620 psia

D. 640 psia

QUESTION: 39

Saturated steam at 1,000 psia enters an ideal high pressure (HP) turbine and exhausts at 100 psia. The HP turbine exhaust then enters an ideal low pressure (LP) turbine and exhausts to a steam condenser at 1.5 psia. Which one of the following will cause the HP and LP turbines to produce more equal power? (Assume all pressures remain the same unless stated otherwise.)

A. Reheat the HP turbine exhaust.

B. Lower the steam condenser pressure.

C. Remove the moisture from the HP turbine exhaust.

D. Decrease the pressure of the saturated steam entering the HP turbine.

QUESTION: 40

Refer to the drawing of two 1,000 ft^3 pressure vessels with installed relief valves (see figure below).

Both vessels are in saturated conditions at 281°F and approximately 35 psig. Vessel A is completely filled with saturated water. Vessel B contains one-half saturated steam (100 percent quality) and one-half saturated water (0 percent quality) by volume. Both vessels are protected by identical relief valves.

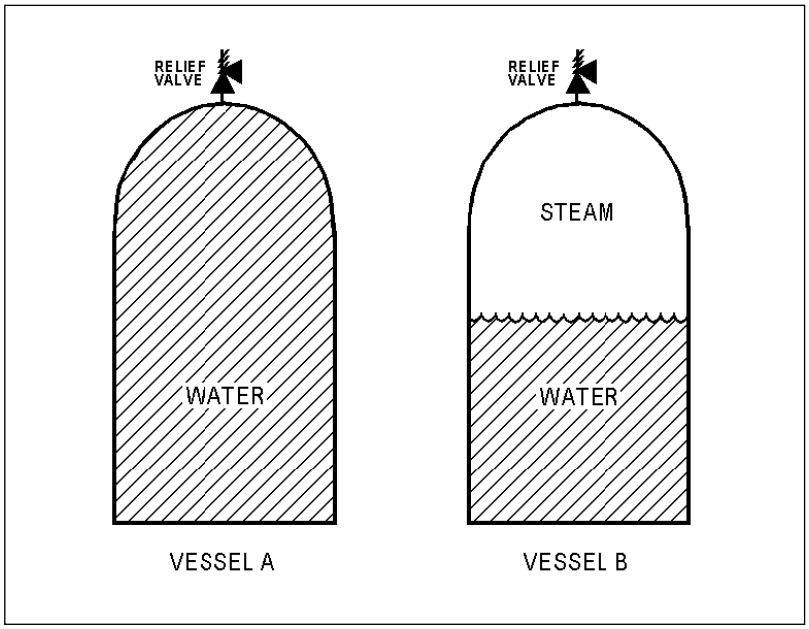
If both relief valves begin to leak at a rate of 0.1 percent of design flow, the higher temperature fluid will initially be leaving the relief valve of vessel _____. And, if 100 lbm of fluid is released through both relief valves, the larger pressure decrease will occur in vessel _____.

A. A; A

B. A; B

C. B; A

D. B; B



QUESTION: 41

Consider the steam cycle thermal efficiency of a nuclear power plant operating at rated power.

If the pressure at which saturated steam is produced in the steam generators is increased, thermal efficiency will _____; and if the temperature of the feedwater entering the steam generators is increased, thermal efficiency will _____.

A. increase; increase

B. increase; decrease

C. decrease; increase

D. decrease; decrease

QUESTION: 42

Reactor coolant system (RCS) hot leg temperature is constant at 538°F while RCS pressure is decreasing due to a small reactor coolant leak. Which one of the following RCS pressure ranges includes the pressure at which two-phase flow will <u>first</u> occur in the hot leg?

A. 1,100 to 1,151 psig

B. 1,050 to 1,001 psig

C. 1,000 to 951 psig

D. 950 to 901 psig

QUESTION: 43

An ideal positive displacement pump is operating in an open system with the following initial parameters:

Suction pressure = 10 psig
Discharge pressure = 25 psig
Flow rate = 100 gpm

If the pump discharge pressure increases to 40 psig, the pump flow rate will...

A. remain constant.

B. decrease in direct proportion to the change in pump differential pressure.

C. decrease in direct proportion to the square of the change in pump differential pressure.

D. decrease in direct proportion to the square root of the change in pump differential pressure.

QUESTION: 44

A nuclear power plant is operating with the following stable steam generator (SG) and feedwater (FW) parameters:

SG pressure = 1,000 psia
Total SG steam flow rate = 1.0×10^7 lbm/hr (dry, saturated steam)
Feedwater inlet temperature = 470°F

Based on the above information, what is the thermal power output of the reactor?

A. 740 MW

B. 1,328 MW

C. 2,169 MW

D. 3,497 MW

QUESTION: 45

Subcooled water enters the bottom of an operating reactor core. As the water flows upward past the fuel assemblies, steam bubbles form on the surface of a few fuel rods and are swept away.

If the coolant at the surface of the affected fuel rods had remained subcooled, average fuel temperature in the affected fuel rods would have been _____ because single-phase convection is a _____ efficient method of heat transfer than boiling.

A. higher; more

B. higher; less

C. lower; more

D. lower; less

QUESTION: 46

A nuclear power plant is operating with the following initial conditions:

- Reactor power is 45 percent in the middle of a fuel cycle.
- Axial and radial power distributions are peaked in the center of the core.

Assuming reactor power level does not change, which one of the following will increase the steady-state departure from nucleate boiling ratio?

A. One reactor coolant pump trips with automatic rod control.

B. A spray valve malfunction decreases reactor coolant system pressure by 20 psig with no control rod motion.

C. The operator decreases reactor coolant boron concentration by 5 ppm with no control rod motion.

D. Core xenon-135 builds up in proportion to the axial and radial power distribution with automatic rod control.

QUESTION: 47

Single-phase coolant flow resistance in a reactor core is directly proportional to the square of coolant _____; and inversely proportional to _____.

A. velocity; fuel assembly length

B. temperature; fuel assembly length

C. velocity; coolant channel cross-sectional area

D. temperature; coolant channel cross-sectional area

QUESTION: 48

A nuclear power plant was operating at a constant power level for the last two weeks when a loss of offsite power occurred, which caused a reactor trip and a loss of forced reactor coolant flow. Natural circulation reactor coolant flow developed and stabilized 30 minutes after the trip.

Which one of the following combinations of initial reactor power and post-trip steam generator pressure will result in the highest stable natural circulation flow rate 30 minutes after the trip?

	Initial Reactor Power	Post-trip Steam Generator Pressure
A.	100 percent	1,100 psia
B.	25 percent	1,100 psia
C.	100 percent	1,000 psia
D.	25 percent	1,000 psia

QUESTION: 49

Peaking (or hot channel) factors are used to establish a maximum reactor power level such that fuel pellet temperature is limited to prevent _____ of the fuel pellets; and fuel cladding temperature is limited to prevent _____ of the fuel cladding during most analyzed transients and abnormal conditions.

A. melting; melting

B. excessive expansion; melting

C. melting; excessive oxidation

D. excessive expansion; excessive oxidation

QUESTION: 50

Which one of the following comparisons yields a lower probability for brittle fracture of a reactor vessel?

A. A high gamma flux in the reactor rather than a high fast neutron flux.

B. A high material strength of the reactor vessel rather than a high material ductility.

C. A rapid 100°F reactor heatup at a low temperature rather than at a high temperature.

D. A rapid 100°F reactor cooldown at a low temperature rather than at a high temperature.

***** FINAL ANSWER KEY *****

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3	17	C	28	42	B
4	18	B	29	43	B
5	19	A	30	44	C
6	20	B	31	45	A
7	21	C	32	46	B
8	22	D	33	47	A
9	23	D	34	48	B
10	24	A	35	49	C
11	25	A	36	50	C
12	26	B	37	1	C
13	27	D	38	2	B
14	28	A	39	3	C
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